[Constitution]

ARTICLE 65

645

The various ministries of the government are:

1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2. Ministry of the Interior
3. Ministry of National Defense
4. Ministry of Justice
5. Ministry of Finance
6. Ministry of Education
7. Ministry of Economy
8. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
9. Ministry of Public Works
10. Ministry of Health

ARTICLE 66

The government may appoint a special Council of Ministers to deal with questions of national economy and defense.

The decree by which this Council is appointed shall determine its organization and scope.

TITLE III

Organs of the Local Governmental Units

ARTICLE 67

631

The people's councils are the governmental units in rural districts, communes, subprefectures, and prefectures.

[666]

The people's councils are elected directly by the people: those of the rural districts for two years and those of the communes, subprefectures, and prefectures, for three years.

The people's councils of the communes, subprefectures, and prefectures hold regular meetings according to special regulations.

ARTICLE 68

632

623

The people's councils direct their own administrative affairs, are responsible for economic and cultural matters within their jurisdiction, maintain order, see that the laws

[Constitution]

632 623 are carried out, uphold the rights of citizens, and pass local budgets.

The people's councils make decisions within their own jurisdiction in conformity with the constitution and the laws, decrees, and ordinances of high departments of government.

ARTICLE 69

In the exercise of their local functions, the people's councils must cooperate with the people as well as the workers' organizations, and they should be inspired by their initiative.

ARTICLE 70

With the exception of the rural districts, the executive committees elected by the people's councils are the executive and administrative organs of these councils.

The executive committee is composed of a chairman, a secretary, and members.

ARTICLE 71

In the rural districts the executive body of the people's council is composed of one chairman and one secretary.

ARTICLE 72

The people's council of the rural district calls a convention to which it gives an account of its activities.

The rights and duties of the local convention are defined by law.

ARTICLE 73

The executive organs of the people's council depend on the people's council and also on the executive and administrative organs of the state.

ARTICLE 74

The people's councils may create special offices and sections to direct various administrative affairs.

The activities of these offices or subdivisions are directed by the executive committee and are under the jurisdiction of the people's council as well as the respective higher councils and ministries concerned.